



**MEDIA ADVISORY:**  
**Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc. (NNN)**

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**Arts Café Planned for Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 10:00am – 5:00pm**

The Near Northwest Neighborhood's 5th Annual Arts Café will be held ***Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.*** This year the tour will feature six homes, including a number of NNN properties, in various stages of rehabilitation. The event gives an opportunity for the community at large to see the great housing available within the near northwest neighborhood, and the diverse talents that local artists, musicians, and culinary specialists have! This year's event will take place along Portage Ave between Cushing and Lindsey; the route will be anchored by the South Bend Civic Theatre's Firehouse Theatre. ***Admission and parking are free.***

Six beautiful homes, all in various stages of rehabilitation and full of charm, will be opened to the community during the event. The walking tour will begin at a tent placed at the corner of Portage Ave and Cushing. From there participants will receive a map of the route and other important event information. The homes, and tents that line the walk, will be adorned with wares from neighborhood artists featuring everything from watercolor, pottery, photography, and lithography in addition to culinary delights and all will be available for sale. Local musicians will add to the atmosphere providing music throughout the route for your pleasure; don't forget to take a break at one of the main stages, by the South Bend Civic Theatre or under the tent at Portage and Cushing, to enjoy the music. There will also be interactive artistic opportunities for children.

This annual event continues to get bigger and better each year. Starting as a small neighborhood holiday bazaar it has grown into a community wide event, showcasing some of the many great elements of the near northwest neighborhood, in just five years! During 2006, Arts Cafe attracted more than 700 people and highlighted more than 60 artists, musicians and culinary specialists. Event organizers anticipate even more participants and area residents in attendance this year!

This event, in its fifth consecutive year, is sponsored by the Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc., a non-profit community development corporation that is dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of the near northwest neighborhood.

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